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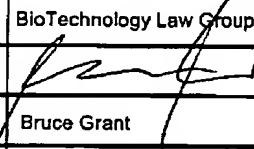
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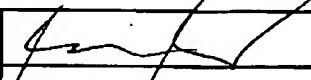
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Dear Sir:

This is filed in response to a non-final Office action dated November 10, 2005, setting a shortened statutory time for response expiring on February 10, 2006. This submission is timely filed before February 10, 2006 and therefore no fee is due. The Office rejected claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 9-14 in the Office action. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following Remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration respectfully is requested.

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